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SUBJECT: GDR HITS FRG HESITATION ON RATIFICATION

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1. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED, " DETMAR CRAMER AND THE WRONG TACK", NEUES DEUTSCHLAND MARCH 29 SEVERELY REPRACHED THOSE " NUMEROUS POLITICIANS AND JOURNALISTS IN FRG" WHO COUNSEL DRAGGING OUT RATIFICATION OF GENERAL RELATIONS TREATY (GRT) IN EFFORT TO SECURE " CONCESSIONS" FROM GDR. PICKING UP CRAMER' S FAZ ARTICLE OF MARCH 29, IN WHICH CRAMER SPECULATED THAT EAST BERLIN INTENDED HOLD BACK ON PUTTING GRT INTO EFFECT, ND ACCUSED FRG (THROUGH CRAMER, WHOM ND CALLED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT' S UNOFFICIAL SPOKESMAN) OF WILLFULLY TWISTING FACTS TO PUT THE BEE ON GDR INSTEAD OF ON BONN WHERE IT BELONGED. TO BUTTRESS ITS POINT, ND QUOTED FROM HONECKER' S MARCH 8 SPEECH (REFTEL) CALLING FOR PROMPT FRG RATIFICATION OF GRT AND ADDED ITS OWN OBSERVATION THAT " PROCESS OF DETENTE IN EUROPE WOULD SURELY BE SERVED IF FRG GOVERNMENT MADE A SIMILARLY CLEAR
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AND CONSTRUCTIVE STATEMENT" ABOUT ITS POLICY TOWARD RATIFICATION. ARTICLE CLAIMED FURTHER THAT IF IT WERE UP TO GDR, TREATY COULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT IN APRIL RATHER THAN ONLY IN MID- MAY AS IS NOW TENTATIVELY FORESEEN IN BONN.

2. IGNORING CRAMER' S CONTENTION THAT EAST BERLIN MAY ENTERTAIN SOME FEARS REGARDING ITS POSSIBLE RECEPTION IN UN CIRCLES, ND CALLED FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADMISSION OF GDR TO UN, AND MAINTAINED THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE CONSISTENT NOT ONLY WITH VIEW OF FOUR POWERS AS EXPRESSED IN QD BUT ALSO WITH BAHR- KOHL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF NOVEMBER 8, 1972. IN THIS CONNECTION, ND CITED FRG ATTITUDE TOWARDS GDR ADMISSION TO IPU AND ITU AS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED FRG UNWILLINGNESS STICK TO UNDER- STANDINGS REACHED.

3. NOT SURPRISINGLY, ND MADE NO MENTION OF CRAMER' S MUSINGS REGARDING POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GDR AND USSR ON FUTURE POLICIES TOWARD FRG.

4. COMMENT. DURING SKIRMISHING AROUND GRT RATIFICATION, EAST GERMANS SEEM TO BE CONCERNED THAT FRG MAY COUNTER GDR NEGATIVISM ON SUCH ISSUES AS REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES AND JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITIES WITH DELAYING MANEUVERS ON GRT RATIFICATION AND, BY EXTENSION, UN MEMBERSHIP. WHETHER THIS CONCERN GENUINE OR BEING EXPRESSED FOR TACTICAL PURPOSES DIFFICULT TO JUDGE. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT SOME OF OUR EAST BERLIN SOURCES HAVE INTIMATED SUSPICION THAT CURRENT US POSTURE TOWARDS GDR DESIGNED TO SUPPORT FRG EFFORTS TO PUT PRESSURE ON GDR. SOME EAST GERMAN SOURCES CLAIM A PRINCIPAL WORRY IS USA MAY IN FACT VETO GDR ENTRY INTO UN. KLEIN

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